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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/736)*]

56/255. Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003

The General Assembly

I

Request for subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute contained in the report of the Director of the Institute[1]

Approves the recommendation of a subvention of 213,000 United States dollars from the regular budget of the United Nations for 2002, on the understanding that no additional appropriation would be required under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003;[2]

II

Joint Inspection Unit

Approves a gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for the biennium 2002–2003 in the amount of 7,546,100 dollars;[3]

III

International Civil Service Commission

Approves a gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for the biennium 2002–2003 in the amount of 12,813,400 dollars;[3]

[1] A/56/359, paras. 10–12.

[2] A/56/6 (Sect. 4). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6.*

[3] A/56/6 (Sect. 29). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6.*

IV

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2001

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General[4] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[5] on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2001, on the understanding that such appropriations as may be necessary (and not exceeding 1,444,200 dollars) will be requested by the Secretary-General in the context of a consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates to be submitted to the General Assembly;

V

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Having considered the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to the General Assembly and to the member organizations of the Fund,[6] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[7]

1. *Concurs* with the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

2. *Approves* expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling 74,322,400 dollars net for the biennium 2002–2003, and a decrease of 3,098,900 dollars net for the biennium 2000–2001;

3. *Authorizes* the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to supplement voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for the biennium 2002–2003 by an amount not exceeding 200,000 dollars;

VI

Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of 2,192,100 dollars remains in the contingency fund;[8]

VII

Special political missions

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized,[9] and concurs with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in its reports;[10]

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[4] A/C.5/56/4.

[5] A/56/518.

[6] A/56/289.

[7] A/56/7/Add.1. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

[8] See A/C.5/56/33.

[9] A/C.5/56/25 and Add.1 and 2.

[10] See A/56/7/Add.5, para. 7, A/56/7/Add.6, para. 11 and A/56/7/Add.7, para. 7. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

2. *Approves* the charge of 8 million dollars for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2002 for the 15 missions dealt with in the report of the Secretary-General[11] against the provision for special political missions requested under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003;

3. *Also approves* the charge of 1.7 million dollars for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2002 for the United Nations Office in Burundi[12] against the provision for special political missions requested under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003;

4. *Further approves* the charge of 1,413,400 dollars for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002 for the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus against the provision for special political missions requested under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003;

5. *Decides* to resume its consideration of the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of which the Security Council is seized[9] in March 2002;

6. *Notes* that an unallocated balance of 64,648,400 dollars remains against the provision of 98,338,700 dollars for special political missions;[13]

VIII

Safety and security of United Nations personnel

Recalling section II of its resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Inter-organizational security measures: implementation of section II, Safety and security of United Nations personnel, of General Assembly resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000,"[14] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[15]

1. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[15]

2. *Welcomes* the agreed inter-agency cost-sharing arrangement, and requests that the apportionment of expenses be updated in 2003;

3. *Notes with concern* the lack of an accountability and responsibility mechanism in the area of field security, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a comprehensive report on the establishment of a clear mechanism of accountability and responsibility, including such provisions as its scope, depth and common standards and methods of enforcing them in an inter-agency structure;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to conduct an evaluation of the United Nations security system, including the new security arrangements and the relationship and interaction between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat and the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator, and to report his findings and recommendations to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session;

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[11] A/C.5/56/25.

[12] See A/C.5/56/25/Add.1.

[13] See A/C.5/56/32.

[14] A/56/469 and Corr.1 and 2.

[15] A/56/619.

IX

International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

Having considered section 11B, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003,[16] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[17]

Decides to approve the resources in the amount of 18,022,600 dollars proposed for the biennium 2002–2003 under section 11B;

X

Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates of the effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation[18] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[19]

Takes note of the revised estimates arising from the recosting of the effects of changes in the rates of exchange and inflation;

XI

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Having considered the statement of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects[20] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[21]

Decides to appropriate an additional amount of 1,575,700 dollars under the following sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003: 376,400 dollars under section 3, Political affairs; 888,800 dollars under section 22, Human rights; 127,900 dollars under section 27, Management and central support services; and 182,600 dollars under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount (182,600 dollars) under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003.

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[16] A/56/6 and Add.1 (Sect. 11B). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No 6*.

[17] A/56/7/Add.3. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No 7A*.

[18] A/56/659.

[19] A/56/7/Add.4. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No 7A*.

[20] A/C.5/55/46 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

[21] A/56/478.

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56/256. Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2002–2003

The General Assembly

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments in the biennium 2002–2003 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to the biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(*a*) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of 8 million United States dollars in any one year of the biennium 2002–2003, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(*b*) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the International Court of Justice, Article 31), not exceeding a total of 330,000 dollars;

(ii) The calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50) and the appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

(iii) The maintenance in office for the completion of cases of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of 40,000 dollars;

(iv) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges, and travel and removal expenses and installation grant of members of the Court (Statute, Article 32, paragraph 7), not exceeding a total of 410,000 dollars;

(v) The work of the Court or its Chambers away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of 25,000 dollars;

(*c*) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of 500,000 dollars in the biennium 2002–2003, as the Secretary-General certifies are required for inter-organizational security measures pursuant to section IV of General Assembly resolution 36/235 of 18 December 1981;

2. *Resolves* that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee and to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. *Decides* that for the biennium 2002–2003, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security in an amount exceeding 10 million dollars in respect of the decision, that matter shall be brought to the General Assembly, or, if the General Assembly is suspended or not in session, a resumed or special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

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56/257. Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2002–2003

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 2002–2003 in the amount of 100 million United States dollars;

2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Member States to the budget for the year 2002;

3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:

(*a*) Credits to Member States resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from the surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in an adjusted amount of 1,025,092 dollars;

(*b*) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2000–2001 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 54/253 of 23 December 1999;

4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2000–2001 exceed the amount of that Member State's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by the Member State in respect of the biennium 2002–2003;

5. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(*a*) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for that purpose;

(*b*) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments that may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution 56/256 of 24 December 2001 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(*c*) Such sums as may be necessary to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities, which, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed 200,000 dollars; advances in excess of the total of 200,000 dollars may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(*d*) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the biennium in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each biennium, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each biennium;

(*e*) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending the accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund;

6. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in the biennium 2002-2003, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.

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